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Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) appoints Steven John as Chair

Montpelier, VT – The Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) appointed Steven John to serve as Board Chair for the 2012-2013 year. John is currently the Superintendent of Windham Central Supervisory Union (WCSU) in Townshend.

“These are exciting times for education in our state,” said Superintendent Steven John. “Declining student enrollment, our slow growth economy, possible re-authorization of NCLB/ESEA, and the implementation of the Common Core Standards all contribute to anxiety and opportunity for our profession,” he said.

Mr. John began serving on the VSBPE in August 2011 he brings over 40 years’ experience and perspective in multiple roles as a teacher, vice principal, middle school principal, and superintendent to the Board. UVM honored John for his teaching excellence at Whitingham School.

VSBPE is a 13-member, teacher majority, policy-making board appointed by the Governor. The Board is comprised of thirteen individuals as follows: seven teachers, two administrators, one public member, one school board member, one representative of educator preparation programs from a public institution of higher education, and one representative of educator preparation programs from a private institution of higher education.

VSBPE members:

- Katherine Blair, Teacher, John F. Kennedy Elementary School
- Penny Chamberlin, Career & Technical Center Director, Barre Technical Center
- Marilyn Corkins, Teacher, Newport Town Elementary School
- Patti Coultas, Career & Technical Teacher Education Program Director, VTC
- Lia Cravedi, School Board Member, Champlain Valley UHSD
- Emily Hausman, Retired Teacher, Newbury Elementary School
- Jay Hoffman, Teacher, Frederick H. Tuttle Middle School
- Nancy Kline, Academic Dean, College of St. Joseph
- Helen Lanthier, Teacher, St. Albans Town Educational Center
- David Larsen, Public Member, Wilmington
- Luisa Millington, Teacher, Arlington Memorial High School
- Scott Mosher, Teacher, Essex High School

The Board will hold its next monthly meeting Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at Vermont Technical College in Randolph. Information about the VSBPE is available online: http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_prostandards/vsbpe/vsbpe.html.

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